

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 2423 - SB 2494**

February 3, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires that, by the November 2004 election, each voting machine shall have the capability of producing a hard copy of the voting totals or shall have a documented method in place capable of retrieving the voting totals stored in the machine and producing a hard copy of such voting totals.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

##### **MINIMAL**

Estimate based on the following:

- The bill appears to address two different types of voting machines; the DREs or touch screen and the lever voting machine.
- The DRE touch screen voting machine produces a hard copy of the voting totals by candidate by each machine.
- The lever voting machine produces voting totals stored in each machine by candidate and a hard copy of such voting totals is produced manually by writing down the totals which appear on the back of the machine and then those totals are certified by an election judge. This is the current statutory method of producing a hard copy of vote totals.
- Since there is currently a certification process in place for each type of voting equipment, it appears the requirements of the bill are already being met. Therefore, it is estimated that the fiscal impact would be minimal.

Note: Lever voting machines will be used in one more election cycle. Under the Help America Vote Act, voting machines used in any election held after January 1, 2006, must either be DREs (touch screen) or precinct optical scan machines, which will produce a hard copy total.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director